

HOUSE RESOLUTION 14

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Robert Ewell Lee of Lebanon.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Robert Ewell Lee; and

WHEREAS, Ewell Lee was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lee served with acumen and alacrity as a prominent area attorney and civic leader, in which positions he earned the respect of his peers and the citizens of Lebanon for the exemplary quality of his work and his unswerving dedication; and

WHEREAS, born October 31, 1922, to the late Luther Phillip and Essie Lee, Ewell Lee was a proud member of this country's greatest generation, and he bravely served in both the United States Army (1940-41) and the United States Navy (1942-45) during World War II; and

WHEREAS, following his service in the war, he matriculated to Union University, from which he graduated with a bachelor of science degree in 1948; Mr. Lee also earned a juris doctorate degree from the Cumberland School of Law in 1947, and a second juris doctorate from the University of Missouri in 1957; and

WHEREAS, Ewell Lee gained admission to the Tennessee Bar in 1958 and admitted to practice by the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, United States District Court, and the Middle and Eastern Districts of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, he served as Assistant United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee from 1966 until 1968 and he stood for one year as the Prosecutor for the City of Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, Mr. Lee rendered sterling service as the Chairman of the Supervisory Committee of the United States Courthouse Credit Union; and

WHEREAS, possessed of an unwavering interest in serving the people of Lebanon, Ewell Lee founded Lee and Lee Attorneys at Law, P.C. and he dedicated to the growth of the firm the selfsame fervor and vigor he had shown while serving in his previous postings; and

WHEREAS, a thirty-second degree Mason, Mr. Lee was a past Master of Lebanon Lodge 98, Scottish Rite, York Rite and Al Menah Shrine Temple; and

WHEREAS, he was an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church and the West Haven Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a member of their respective Sunday School classes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lee was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of fifty-nine years, Dorothy Mai Evans Lee, and was the proud father of Robert Evans Lee and John Mark Lee; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by his parents and son David Allen Lee, he will be sorely missed by his grandchildren, Susan Lee, Rebecca Lee, David Lee, Michael Lee, and Robert Lee, and his sisters, Jewell Johnson and Vergie Seeley; and

WHEREAS, Ewell Lee leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Robert Ewell Lee, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Lee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.